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DEPT PASS TREASURY FOR SEC SIMON

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EFIN, IBRD, IMF

SUBJECT: HEGAZI'S VISIT TO US

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1. DR. HEGAZI'S CHEF DE CABINET, ABDUL RAZZAK MEGUID CONFIRMED TO A/DCM TODAY THAT HEGAZI WOULD NOT BE GOING TO IBRD/IMF MEETINGS DUE TO THE PRESSURE OF CURRENT BUSINESS. (FYI THE PRESS HAS CARRIED NUMEROUS REPORTS ABOUT MEETINGS HEGAZI HAS CHAIRED TO DEAL WITH ECONOMIC PROBLEMS AND ABOUT REORGANIZED CABINET WHICH HEGAZI, AS THE RUMORED NEW PRIME MINISTER, WOULD BE ASKED TO FORM).

2. WHEN MATTER OF SEC SIMON'S INVITATION TO HEGAZI WAS MENTIONED, MEGUID SAID HEGAZI WAS HOLDING UP REPLYING UNTIL HE WAS ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN HE WOULD NOT BE GOING TO THE US AT ALL. "THERE IS A POSSIBILITY HE MIGHT BE GOING A LITTLE LATER", MEGUID STATED. MEGUID
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DID NOT FEEL HE COULD ELABORATE ANY FURTHER UNDER THE

CIRCUMSTANCES.

3. COMMENT: WE HAVE BEEN ENDEAVORING FOR SOME TIME TO ELICIT A RESPONSE ON SEC SIMON'S INVITATION, PARTICULARLY AFTER HEARING FROM TAHER AMIN THAT HEGAZI WOULD NOT ATTEND IBRD/IMF MEETINGS. IT NOW APPEARS HE MAY BE THINKING OF COMING TO US AFTER HE HAS BEEN NAMED PRIME MINISTER. IN ADDITION, AUSTRALIAN EMBOFFS HAVE INQUIRED ABOUT HEGAZI'S PLANS AND TOLD US PRIME MINISTER WHITLAM IS ANXIOUS TO MEET WITH HEGAZI (POSSIBLY CONCERNING WHEAT SALES). THEY UNDERSTOOD HEGAZI MIGHT EITHER STOP OFF IN AUSTRALIA ON WAY BACK TO EGYPT OR THE TWO MIGHT MEET IN THE US. EILTS

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